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Dulles Calls Cuba Hole In Hemisphere Defense

The former head of the Central Intelligence Agency says that Cuba is more than a nuisance.

Allen W. Dulles who directed the CIA from 1953 to 1961 said Wednesday night that Cuba constitutes a breach in our defense against communism in this hemisphere.

He addressed the Foreign Policy Assn. of Greater Hartford at Talcott Junior High School, West Hartford, giving the William Ainsworth Greene memorial lecture.

Face Secret War

Dulles said that the United States will probably not have to fight a nuclear war, so long as we are prepared for it. "But we are faced with a secret war of subversion for which we are unprepared."

He said that Cuba has convinced Khrushchev that he can push forward with subversion, since we do not react when he brings it to our doorstep.

"The United States has failed

to take adequately into account the Communist subversive threat to the world about us, especially in the less developed areas," Dulles said.

The Kremlin has been "relatively so successful in the subversive war because it has world-wide assets to wage such a war," he said. "The Free World does not have world-wide defenses against penetration and subversion."

Reds Have Network

He listed communism's assets in its mission of subversion as: Its network of more than 70 parties in the Free World; its trade unions; its front organizations; its secret security service, directly under Khrushchev's control; the international Communist press; and the Communist training centers.

Among Dulles' recommendations for thwarting Communist subversion were: Teaching its nature; assessing correctly the appeal of communism in the uncommitted and underdeveloped world; accepting the challenge to prove the advantages of our society and capitalizing on the evident failure of Communist society.

"There is no reason to be beguiled by the Soviets' smiles, lulled by their ideological differences or frightened by their threats," he said. "There is no health for us in either the Moscow or the Peiping brand of communism and of 'Take-Over.'"

He urged the promotion of the social, economic and political evolution within the Communist bloc; contributing subtly and quietly to the disintegration of the once monolithic Communist movement and equipping ourselves to deal effectively with and not gloat.

He doubted that the U.S. had a hand in the sharpening Sino-Soviet rift, "Even if such reports are true, and I don't think they are, I would not boast about it," he said. Rather he would watch with cynical eyes

Enough Control

Earlier, at a press conference, Dulles said he feels there is enough congressional control of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"It could not operate effectively with more" he said. "You can't run intelligence by committee."

Looking more like a kindly philosopher than a former top secret agent and head of the U.S. intelligence operation, he commented or refused to comment on a variety of topics.

He said it doesn't look as if Castro will be deposed in the near future; but that it does look as if the recent coup in Brazil has saved that country from Communism for the time being anyway.

He stated that the CIA does not make policy and that there is a close interworking between the agency and the State Department, reports about Vietnam notwithstanding.

Dulles, a member of the Warren Committee which investigated the assassination of President Kennedy, said there is no idea of hiding any of the facts. He expects all the testimony will be made public.

Berlin Incident

Commenting on the recent capture of the American pilots by Russia, he said his first reaction was to think "Somebody got off course pretty badly." He added that no one would use the type plane they were flying if it were on a spy mission.

Dulles declined comment on the A-11 and a purported statement of the late Gen. Douglas MacArthur that there was stupidity in the CIA in 1951, but genially pointed out to his questioner that he was very likely director, not deputy director at the time the statement was made.

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